

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) with its amendment Regulation (EU) 2015/830

Argon (refrigerated)

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### Warning

### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

: Argon (refrigerated) Trade name SDS no : RS-AR-003B : Argon (refrigerated) Chemical description

> CAS No: 7440-37-1 EC No: 231-147-0 EC Index No: ---

Registration-No. : Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

Chemical formula

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use Relevant identified uses

Test gas/Calibration gas

Purge gas, diluting gas, inerting gas

Laboratory use Purging

Shield gas for welding processes

Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components

Contact supplier for more information on uses

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification : Messer Tehnogas AD

Banjicki put 62

11090 Beograd Serbia +38 111 353 7210

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number +381(0) 11 360 8440 (24h)

Emergency telephone number

### **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Physical hazards Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.) H281

Full text of H-statements see section 16.

### 2.2. Label elements

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### Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :

Signal word (CLP) : Warning

Hazard statements (CLP) : H281 - Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury.

Precautionary statements (CLP)

- Prevention : P282 - Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield, eye protection

- Response : P336+P315 - Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate

medical advice / attention

- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

2.3. Other hazards

: Asphyxiant in high concentrations

### **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

#### 3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Argon (refrigerated)	(CAS No) 7440-37-1 (EC No) 231-147-0 (EC Index No) (Registration-No.) *1	100	Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.), H281

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

Full text of H-statements see section 16.

3.2. Mixtures : Not applicable

### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep

victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped

- Skin contact : In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain

medical assistance

- Eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes

- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation

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### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<sup>\*1:</sup> Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

<sup>\*2:</sup> Registration deadline not expired.

<sup>\*3:</sup> Registration not required: Substance manufactured or imported < 1t/y.



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: None

### **SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures**

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog

- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode

Hazardous combustion products : None

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat

radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and

drainage systems

If possible, stop flow of product

Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible

If leaking do not spray water onto container. Water surrounding area (from protected position)

to contain fire

Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk

Special protective equipment for fire fighters

Use self-contained breathing apparatus

Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire

Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full

face mask

Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for

firefighters

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

: Try to stop release

Evacuate area

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to

be safe

Use protective clothing

Ensure adequate air ventilation

Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation

can be dangerous

Act in accordance with local emergency plan

Stay upwind

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

: Try to stop release

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

: Ventilate area

Liquid spillages can cause embrittlement of structural materials

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

: See also sections 8 and 13

### **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling



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Safe use of the product

: The product must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure

Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations

Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularily) checked for leaks before use

Do not smoke while handling product

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt

Do not breathe gas

Avoid release of product into atmosphere.

Safe handling of the gas receptacle

: Refer to supplier's container handling instructions

Do not allow backfeed into the container

Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices

Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier

Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is

disconnected from equipment

Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment

Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another

Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

: Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion

Container valve guards or caps should be in place

Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from

falling over

Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage

Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place

Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition

Keep away from combustible materials.

#### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

: None.

### **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### 8.1. Control parameters

OEL (Occupational Exposure Limits): No data available.

DNEL (Derived-No Effect Level) : No data available.

PNEC (Predicted No-Effect Concentration): No data available.

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation

Systems under pressure should be regularily checked for leakages

Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released Consider the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities

### 8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment

: A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The

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following recommendations should be considered: Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes

PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected

• Eye/face protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields

Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections

Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection - specifications

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· Skin protection

- Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers

Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk

- Other : Wear safety shoes while handling containers

Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear

• Respiratory protection : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be

used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres

Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full

face mask

• Thermal hazards : Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections

Standard EN 511 - Cold insulating gloves

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

: None necessary.

### **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Liquid.
 Colour : Colourless.

Odour : No odour warning properties.

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

pH value : Not applicable.

Molar mass : 40 g/mol

Melting point : -189 °C

Boiling point : -186 °C

Flash point : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Critical temperature [°C] : -122 °C

Evaporation rate (ether=1) : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Flammability range : Non flammable.

Vapour pressure [20°C] : Not applicable.

Vapour pressure [50°C] : Not applicable.

Relative density, gas (air=1) : 1.38

Relative density, liquid (water=1) : 1.4

Solubility in water : 67.3 mg/l

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow] : Not applicable for inorganic gases.

Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable.

Viscosity [20°C] : Not applicable.

Explosive Properties : Not applicable

Oxidising Properties : None

9.2. Other information

Other data : Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below

ground level

### **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**



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10.1. Reactivity

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below

10.2. Chemical stability

: Stable under normal conditions

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

: None

10.4. Conditions to avoid

: None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7)

10.5. Incompatible materials

: None

For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

: None

### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** : No known toxicological effects from this product

Skin corrosion/irritation : No known effects from this product Serious eye damage/irritation : No known effects from this product Respiratory or skin sensitisation : No known effects from this product Germ cell mutagenicity : No known effects from this product Carcinogenicity : No known effects from this product Toxic for reproduction : Fertility : No known effects from this product Toxic for reproduction : unborn child : No known effects from this product STOT-single exposure : No known effects from this product STOT-repeated exposure : No known effects from this product

Aspiration hazard : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures

### **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### 12.1. Toxicity

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

: Not classified as PBT or vPvB Assessment

### 12.6. Other adverse effects



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: Can cause frost damage to vegetation.

Effect on the ozone layer : None

Effect on global warming : No known effects from this product

### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Consult supplier for specific recommendations

May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous : 16 05 05 : Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04

List of hazardous waste codes (from Commission Decision 2001/118/EC)

13.2. Additional information

: None

### **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### 14.1. UN number

UN-No. : 1951

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

Transport by sea (IMDG) : ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling



2.2 : Non flammable, non-toxic gases

#### Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)

Class : 2
Classification code : 3A
Hazard identification number : 22

Tunnel Restriction : C/E - Tank carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category C, D and E. Other

carriage: Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2

Transport by sea (IMDG)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-V

14.4. Packing group

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : Not applicable
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable

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Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not applicable

14.5. Environmental hazards

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None. Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None. Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

Packing Instruction(s)

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : P203

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 202 Cargo Aircraft only : 202 Transport by sea (IMDG) : P203

Special transport precautions : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's

compartment

Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the

event of an accident or an emergency Before transporting product containers: - Ensure there is adequate ventilation - Ensure that containers are firmly secured - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking

- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

: Not applicable.

### **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

### **EU-Regulations**

Restrictions on use : None Seveso Directive: 2012/18/EU (Seveso III) : Not covered

National regulations

National legislation : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Water hazard class (WGK) : nwg - Non-hazardous to water

Kenn-Nr. : 1348

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

: A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product

### **SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 2015/830.

Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training. Further information

This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European

Union legislation.

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### Full text of H- and EUH-statements

Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.)	Gases under pressure : Refrigerated liquefied gas	
H281	Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or	
	injury	

### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

: Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out

Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press

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